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express reference, or quotation. Will it not be entirely sufficient to your purpose to assure your correspondents, or the public of your having certain knowledge of facts from an authentic source? It would be hardly dignified for the college to enter the lists with another Institution, & I think it could not subserve the end of African civilization, so far as our influence is concerned. The less observation the college attracts to itself, in this respect, the more advantage, it will have, in my judgment, in correcting the public prejudice, & advancing the interests of freedom & humanity.

Our well meaning but delirious neighbour, N. P. Rogers, has protested to me that the college was traitorous to God & man, because it did not publish to all negroes, throughout the world, a solemn invitation to come in, & flow in, & receive the blessings of learning without money & without price. You can judge what our condition would have become, had such as he been permitted to sound our trumpet. "The kingdom of heaven
2 { cometh not with observation." I am willing that Oberlin should enjoy all the advantages, it may obtain by any
1 } similar policy. I am, dear sir,

very respectfully, Yours. N. Lord.

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made for admission to the College. One was the case of a young man, Edward Mitchell, from the South. He was received to an equality of privilege with all other students, was of excellent character, graduated honorably, & is now a respectable Baptist Minister, I believe, in the northern part of Vermont or New York. He was of the class of 1828.

The other was of a student from Boston, a son of the late Rev. —— Paul. The Vice President of one of the Literary Societies. He is now a member of the Junior Class, a very unexceptionable young man, having the confidence & kind regards of the Faculty & his fellow students. He also is contemplating the ministry in the Baptist denomination, & will, I doubt not, if Providence shall spare him, be very acceptable & useful, in that relation."

As to the purpose for which you ask this information; I should regret to place the College, or see it placed in any attitude of opposition to another Institution, or of competition, on the score of liberality. If, however, there are any reasons which may seem important to yourself, for making public the fact above stated, I see no objection, if the publication may be made without

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My dear Sir

Stated in substance in letter to Jarvis

I am happy to acknowledge your favor of the 10th & to confirm your impressions in regard to the usage of this College in the equal admission of students, without respect to nation or complexion." It is almost our pride that we began as a school for the education of Indians, & have almost uninterruptedly had some Aborigines on our list. One is in the graduating class of this year, a Seneca chief, President of one of the Literary Societies and a highly respectable & promising young man. An African has never been refused, because he was an African. In a single instance the application of a colored young man, a few years ago, was negatived, but so far as I recollect, it was not at all on that ground, but for some uncertainties in the case, & because on account of a recent local difficulty, any doubtful measure of ours would have been unfavorable to the very object of African education, which we have ever been ready, in proper circumstances, to promote.

Two other applications only have been

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